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YELLOW FEVER.

SPAIN.—By royal order of October 2, vessels which left New Orleans after August 21 are subject to strict quarantine. Localities situated at less than 165 kilometers from New Orleans are declared infected.

SANITARY REPORTS FROM THE CENTRAL AMERICAN AND COLOMBIAN FRUIT PORTS.

BRITISH HONDURAS.

Report from Belize.

BELIZE, BRITISH HONDURAS, *October 30, 1899.*

SIR: I have the honor to report the following steamers having sailed from Belize for United States ports during the month of October, 1899: October 6, *Stillwater* for New Orleans. October 8, *Traveler* via Mexican ports for New Orleans; *Themis* for New York. October 13, *Breakwater* for New Orleans; *Managua* for Mobile. October 20, *Stillwater* for New Orleans. October 27, *Breakwater* for New Orleans; *Managua* for Mobile.

Respectfully,

C. W. KNIGHT,

Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

COLOMBIA.

Reports from Bocas del Toro.

BOCAS DEL TORO, COLOMBIA, *October 31, 1899.*

SIR: I have the honor to report that since my last weekly report dated October 28, I have inspected and cleared the following vessels: October 29, steamship *Colombia*, Berg, 17 crew, 4 passengers, for Mobile. October 30, steamship *España*, Danielsen, 14 crew, no passengers, for Mobile.

Under date of October 14, I submitted a general report, giving number of vessels and passengers inspected as follows: Number of vessels inspected, 114; number of passengers inspected, 103; number of pieces of baggage disinfected, 184.

Since that time to October 31 I have inspected vessels and passengers as follows: Number of vessels inspected, 12, of which cleared for Mobile, 10; for New Orleans, 2; number of passengers inspected 26, for Mobile, 23; for New Orleans, 3; number of pieces of baggage disinfected, 37.

The totals for the season from April 1 to October 31 are as follows: Number of vessels inspected, 126; cleared for Mobile, 94; cleared for New Orleans, 29; cleared for Galveston, 3; number of passengers detained and inspected, 129; bound for Mobile, 110; bound for New Orleans, 17; bound for Galveston, 2; number of pieces of baggage disinfected, 221.

It is with pleasure that I can state that the season has passed here without friction or untoward circumstances. My endeavor has been to maintain the most cordial relations between the merchants interested and the Service, and at the same time to infuse into all concerned the proper respect for the Service. On my arrival here it was thought that the restrictions placed on vessels were far too stringent, and more or less

latitude was expected. My insistence from the first, however, that the regulations must be strictly enforced soon met with the cooperation of the agents and masters of vessels, and little difficulty was experienced in such enforcement.

The fruit trade at this port is carried on at present by three companies, viz, The United Fruit Company, Camors, McConnell & Co., and The Alabama Fruit Company, the largest interest being represented by the The United Fruit Company. These companies have cooperated heartily with me in the discharge of my duties, and I have been treated by all with uniform consideration and courtesy.

During the season there was never a suspicion of infectious disease, although this port was threatened by Panama on the one side and Limon on the other, and yet there was no systematic attempt made by the local authorities to keep out infection. Their attitude was one of perfect indifference to the situation. I have warned all those interested of the danger which threatens this port from Panama, and all ports east of here, and have advised that they continue to impress on the authorities the necessity of a strict supervision over vessels from that direction.

The United Fruit Company is opening up large tracts of new land, and laying out extensive plantations along the borders of the Chiriqui Lagoon, for which purpose large numbers of laborers (negroes), are brought from Jamaica. Owing to the continuous traffic during the past season which demanded my constant presence in the port of Bocas, I have not been able to visit all these places. I intend, however, before leaving here to make the entire round and to mark all important points on an authentic chart. This might be of some little interest to the Bureau for future reference, as one settlement, namely, Chiriqui Grande, is assuming considerable importance, and promises in the future to aspire to the dignity of a port of entry. At present there is no communication with outside ports excepting through Bocas del Toro, at which port all vessels must duly enter and clear before going into the lagoon.

In the disinfection of baggage I have used the entire carboy of the formalin mixture furnished me, and have still on hand the carboy of plain formalin, which, together with the autoclave and all other property I have turned over to the United States consular agent whose receipt for same I herewith inclose.

Respectfully,

HERMAN B. MOHR,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

COSTA RICA.

Report from Port Limon.

PORT LIMON, COSTA RICA, November 1, 1899.

SIR: I have the honor to report the following additional operations at this station since October 5, 1899: Nine steamships have been inspected clearing for ports south of the southern boundary of the State of Maryland; 21 cabin passengers (no steerage) were inspected, and 58 pieces of baggage were inspected and disinfected.

Respectfully,

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